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4) ☑ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdra 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☑ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or		
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DETAILED ACTION

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Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, and 150. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- 1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:
 - A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -
 - (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Siri (6,009,000). Siri discloses a power device, comprising at least a first and a second DC-DC converter (14a-n which includes respective power converter and feedback control circuit), with each converter having respective input and output voltages and respective input and output currents,

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each converter converting an input DC-voltage level to an output DC-voltage level (input voltage is nominally 28V and the output voltage is 123V), with each converter also comprising input means (power-bus 20 is connected to the parallel power stages 14a-n forming a common control line for regulating all the power stage in tandem) for a control signal (38a, 38b), the device additionally comprising a control means (32a, 32b), characterized in that said control means are common to the first and second converters and arranged to detect a first output voltage at a point in the device which is a common point (lines 18) for the output voltages (Vo1, Vo2) of the first and second converter, with the control input means delivering a common control signal being varied according to the level of the voltages at said common point; wherein the control signal to each converter is arranged to control the output current of the converter; and the voltage at said common point is kept essentially constant by controlling the output currents of the converters to be essentially equal (by using AC damping circuit 22). See Figures 1, 2, and 4.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. J. Han whose telephone number is 571-272-2078. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on 571-272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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